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An urgent message from a concerned citizen.

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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Dear Chairman Doug Johnson,

I am writing to urge you to deny the permit for Earth Energy Resources to begin the mining of tar sands in Utah.

You need only look to Canada to see the damage from tar sands mining. In Alberta, the tar sand mining by Earth Energy Resources and other companies was called the "most destructive project on earth."

It lays waste to vast areas of wilderness, contributes to acid rain and produces 82 percent more greenhouse gases than conventional oil production. And now it's coming to the U.S.

In September, your Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approved a proposal by Earth Energy Resources to begin a 62-acre tar sands mine in eastern Utah's Book Cliffs, a rugged region of canyons and mesas where elk, black bears and wild horses roam.

The Utah-based environmental group Living Rivers has appealed the permit. I urge you to uphold the appeal and keep the environmentally lethal tar sands industry out of the U.S.

Please let me know how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Aurelia Walton